

September 8, 2020

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Esq.  
Office of the Attorney General  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Request for an Opinion of the Attorney General

Dear Attorney General Frosh:

On behalf of Comptroller Peter V.R. Franchot and Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, in their capacities as Members of the Board of Public Works, I write to request an Opinion of the Attorney General on the following questions:

- What limitations exist on the authority of the Board of Public Works to reconsider and rescind appropriation reductions approved by the Board under the provisions of § 7-213(a), State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland?
- When exercising authority under § 7-213(a), State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to approve the reduction of appropriations, may the Board of Public Works condition its approval such that, subsequent to approval, the fulfilment of specified conditions requires automatic reconsideration or rescission of approval?

Respectfully submitted,



Executive Secretary  
Maryland Board of Public Works

cc:    The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Governor  
      The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp, Treasurer  
      The Honorable Peter V.R. Franchot, Comptroller